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The Oath to bee miniſtred to the *Church-wardens and Sworn-men.*

YOu ſhall ſweare, that you and everyof you, without all affection, favour, hatred, hope of reward and gaine, or feare of diſpleaſure or malice of any perſon, ſhall preſent all and every ſuch perſon or perſons, of or within your Pariſh, who hath committed any offence, fault or crime, mentioned in any of theſe Articles, or which are vehemently ſuſpected, or otherwiſe defamed of any ſuch offence, fault, or crime: wherein you ſhall deale uprightly and according to truth, neither of malice preſenting any contrary to truth, nor corrupt affection ſparing to preſent any, and ſo conceale the truth: having in this action God before your eyes, with an earneſt zeale to maintaine truth, and ſuppreſſe vice. So helpe you God and the contents of this Booke.

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Articles to bee enquired of within the Dioceſſe of *Landaffe*, in the Viſitation to be holden in the yeare of our *Lord*, 1640.

Articles concerning the Clergy.

IN primis, Whether hath your Miniſter read the Conſtitutions, ſet forth by his Maieſty, once euery yeare, vpon ſome Sundayes or Holydayes, in the afternoone, before Diuine Seruice, as he is bound?

2 Whether doth your Miniſter or Preacher in his Prayer before his Sermon, vſe to pray for the Kings Maieſty, King Charles, Queene Mary, and all the Royall Progeny, with his whole Title, as King of great Brittaine, France and Ireland, Defender of the faith, &c. and in all cauſes, and ouer al Perſons as well Eccleſiaſticall as Temporall within his Highneſſe Dominions next and immediately vnder God ſupreme Gouernour? And doth he in like manner then pray for the Archbiſhops and Biſhops, as by Law is alſo appointed, and doth he exhort the people to obedience to his Maieſty, and al Magiſtrates in Authority vnder him?

3 Whether doth your Miniſter vſe the preſcript forme of Diuine Seruice vpon Sundayes, Holidayes, Wedneſdayes and Fridayes, according to the Booke of Common Prayer, without any omiſſion or addition, and doth he ſay Diuine Seruice vpon the Eues of euery Sunday and Holiday, at fit and vſuall times? And whether doth your Miniſter duly obſerue all the Orders, Rites and Ceremonies, preſcribed in the booke of Common Prayer, as well in rea-

ding publike Prayers and the Letany, as also in administring the Sacraments in such manner and forme, as by the booke of common Prayer by Law now established, is enioyned?

4 Whether doe you know or haue you heard of any Ministers, or other persons, men or women, that haue kept any priuate conuenticles or other meetings in priuate houses in your parish at vnlawfull times, obseruing priuate prayers amongst themselues according to their owne inuentions, with watchings and fastings, by day or night; declare the truth herein, and present all such persons with their names and surnames, and the times and places where, and when such meetings haue beene.

5 Whether doth your Minister administer the holy Communion so often, and at such times, as that euery Parishioner may receiue the same at least thrice in euery yeere, whereof once at Easter, as by the booke of Common Prayer is appointed?

6 Whether doth your Minister receiue the same himselfe, on euery day that he administreth it to others, kneeling at the same, and Administreth to none but such as doe kneele at the receiuing thereof, and vse the words of the Institution according to the book at euery time that the Bread & Wine is receiued, in such manner and forme, as by the Prouiso of the twelfth Canon is directed? or wherein is he faulty touching the Premises? and whether is warning giuen by him beforehand for the Communion, as the two and twentieth canon requireth?

7 Whether doth your Minister vse the administration of the Lords Supper Baptisme, Instruction of children, Solemnization of matrimony, Visitation of the sick, buriall of the dead, the commination and churching of Women, vnder such words, Rites and Ceremonies, as are set forth and prescribed in the said booke of common prayer, and no other?

8 Whether hath your Minister admitted to the Communion, any notorious Offenders or Schismaticks, contrary to the 26. and 27. Constitutions.

9 Whether your Minister, together with the Churchwardens and Questmen, doe take diligent heed and care, not only that all and euery one of your owne Parishioners

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doe Receiue thrice in euery yeere, as aforesaid, but also that no strangers of any other Parish doe come often and commonly to your Church from their owne parish Church, contrary to the twenty eight canon? And you are now to present the names of all those, who being of the age of sixteene yeeres or vpwards, haue not in their owne parish at or since Easter last receiued the Communion, according to the hundred and twelue canon.

10 Whether doth your Minister vse to signe the children with the signe of the Crosse, when they are baptized, according to the booke of common prayer, or baptize in any Bason or vessell, and not in the vsuall Font, or hath he baptized any children that were not borne in the parish; and whether hath he deferred, or wilfully refused to baptize any Infant in his parish being in danger, hauing beene duly informed of the weaknesse thereof, and whether the child hath died in his default without baptisme, or whether hath hee at any time refused or neglected to bury the Dead, or to minister the Sacrament of the Lords Supper to any, being in extremity of sickenesse, hauing beene required thereunto, or hath he buried any in christian buriall, which by the constitutions of the Church of England ought not to be so interred?

11 Whether is your Minister continually Resident with you vpon his Benefice, or for how long time hath he beene absent, and where is he Resident for the most part, and what other Benefice hath he, and doth he in his absence make allowance for the poore, and what allowance doth he make?

12 Whether doth your Minister preach vsually according to the constitutions either in his own Cure with ye vence euery Sunday, or else in some other Church or Chappell neere adioyning where no Preacher is, or how often hath he beene negligent in that behalfe?

13 Whether is your Minister a Preacher allowed; if yea, then by whom? if no, then doth he procure Sermons to bee preached among you, once in euery moneth at least, by such as are lawfully licensed?

14 Do you know or haue you heard that your Parson, Vicar or Curate hath at any time vsed in his own Church or elsewher in the pulpit any vncharitable or intēperat speeches tending

tending to the disgrace of his brethren the Ministers of Gods word, or any other persons, present their names and Surnames & the speeches that you haue heard they haue spoken.

15 Whether hath your Minister any other Benefice, and whether doth he supply his absence by a Curate that is Licensed to Preach in that his Cure, whereon he himselfe is not Resident, or otherwise in case he doth not find a Preaching Minister there, by reason of the smalnesse thereof, whether doth he Preach at both his Benefices vsually himselfe, according to the forty seuenth canon? & doth he or his Curate vpon euery Sunday when there is no Sermon, read an Homily or some part thereof according as he ought to doe?

16 Whether is your Curate Licensed to serue by the Lord Bishop of the Diocesse? And whether doth hee serue any more Cures than one? if yea, what other Cure doth hee serue? and how farre are they distant one from the other? and whether hath your Curate any Benefice or cure of Soules besides your Cure?

17 If your Minister be not licensed to Preach, whether doth he take vpon him to expound the Scriptures, either in his owne Cure or elsewhere, contrary to the 49. Canon?

18 Whether hath any person beene admitted to preach within your Church or Chappell, but such as you haue well knowne to be sufficiently licensed? you shall present their names whom you haue so admitted, and how often they haue preached, and by whose procurement.

19 Whether haue you caused euery strange Preacher, licensed or not licensed, to subscribe his Name, according to the 50. and 52. canons? and whether haue they, or any other, preached in your Church, not being soberly and decently apparelled, according to the 74. canon?

20 Whether doth your Parson, or Vicar, or Lecturer, read Diuine Seruice, and administer the Sacraments, in his owne person twice euery yeere, obseruing all the Ceremonies in the Booke of common prayer, established according to the 56. canon.

21 Whether doth your Minister weare the Surplice, while he is saying the publike Prayers, and administring the Sacraments? and if he be a Graduate, whether doth he also weare vpon his Surplice during the times aforesaid, such

such a Hood as by the orders of the Vniuersity is agreeable to his degree?

22 Whether doth your Minister euery Sunday and Holiday before Euening Prayer, for halfe an houre or more, catechise and instruct the youth and ignorant persons of your parish, in the ten Commandements, the Articles of Beleefe, and the Lords Prayer? and whether doth hee vse the Catechisme set forth in the Booke of common Prayer, and instruct and teach them in the said Catechisme or what Catechisme else doth he vse, and whether be the children and ignorant persons sent at that time to the Church, to be catechised and instructed by the Minister? and if not, you are to present the names of those that make default in not sending them.

23 Whether hath your Minister without license from the Court of faculties, or from the Archbishop, or the Bishop of this Diocesse, or his Chancellor, solemnized Marriage betwixt any parties, the Banes not being three seuerall Sundayes and Holidayes first published in time of Diuine Seruice in the seuerall Churches and Chappels of their seuerall abodes, according to the booke of common prayer? or without license in time prohibited, albeit the banes were so published, or at any time, except betwixt the houres of eight and twelue in the forenoone? or hath your Minister married any of another Diocesse? or hath any of your parish beene married in another Diocesse? if any haue beene so married, or licensed to marry by any authority other than aforesaid, you shall present the Minister for marrying, the parties so married, & the authority whereby this was done?

24 Whether hath your Minister since the last canons published, solemnized any marriage betwixt any persons, being vnder the age of twenty and one yeeres, although the banes haue beene thrice asked, before such time as the Parents haue made knowne to him their consents thereunto, contrary to the 100. canon.

25 Whether doth your Minister vpon Sundayes at morning Prayer, declare vnto the parishioners what Holidayes and fasting daies are appointed to be kept the week following, according to the booke of Common Prayer?

26 Whether doth your Minister in the Rogation dayes,

vse the Perambulation of the circuit of the Parish appointed by Law? And in the same Perambulation moue the people to giue thankes to God for his benefits, vsing such Psalmes and Prayers as are to that end set forth?

27 Whether hath any (being no Minister or Deacon) presumed to reade Common Prayer openly in the Church or chappell, or to serue the cure of the Parish? And whether hath any Deacon, not hauing receiued the full Orders of Priesthood, administred the Sacraments in your Church or chappell? And you are to present the name of any that hath offended herein.

28 Whether doth your Minister euery sixt moneth denounce in his Parish all such as doe persieuere in the sentence of Excommunication, not seeking to be absolued? and whether hath he said diuine Seruice, while any Excommunicate person hath beene present in the Church, or hath admitted any person Excommunicate into the Church without a certificat of his absolution from the Ordinary or other competent Iudge?

29 Whether doth your Minister, being a Preacher, endeuour and labour diligently with mildnesse and temperance to reclaime Popish Recusants in his Parish from their errors, if there be any such abiding there? And whether any of them being so offered conference by your Minister, doe refuse it?

30 Whether is your Parson, Vicar, or Curate too much frequent, or ouer conuersant with or a fauourer of Recusants, whereby he may be suspected not to be sincere in Religion?

31 Whether hath your Minister, or any other, taking vpon him the calling of a Minister preached, baptized children, (except in case of necessity) solemnized Mariage, churched any Women, or ministred the holy Communion in any priuate house or houses otherwise than by Law is allowed? if yea, then where? whom? when? and how often hath hee offended in any of the premises?

32 Whether doth your Minister resort to such as be sick, to instruct and comfort them in their distresse, according to the Booke of Common Prayer?

33 Whether doth your Minister carefully look to the reliefe of the poore? and whether doth hee from time to time

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call vpon his parishioners to conferre and giue somewhat as they may spare, to godly and charitable vses, especially when they make their Testaments?

34 Whether doth your Minister vse such decency and comelinesse in his apparell, as by the 74. Constitution is enioyned him? and is he of sober behauiour, and one that doth not vse such bodily labour as is vnseemely for his calling?

35 Whether doe you know any in your parish, that hauing heretofore taken vpon him the order of Priesthood or Deacon, hath since relinquished the same, and be taken himselfe in the course of his life as a Layman, or neglecting his vocation, liueth idly, serueth no cure, preacheth no where?

36 Whether is your Minister noted or reputed to be an incontinent person, a frequenter of Tauernes or Alehouses, a common Gamester or Player at Dice, a common Swearer or Drunkard, or faulty in any other crime punishable by Ecclesiasticall censures, whereby he is offensiue or scandalous to his function or Ministery?

37 Whether doth your Minister vse the forme of thankesgiuing to Women after their Child-birth? and whether hath he admitted any thereunto, that was begotten with child in adultery or fornication, without license of his Ordinary?

38 Whether hath your Minister receiued any excommunication, suspension, or aggrauation from the Bishop of this Diocesse, or his Chancellor, or other Ordinary against any of his Parishioners, which he hath presumed to make stay of, and not published such Excommunication, suspension, or aggrauation, the next Sunday or Holiday after the Receipt of the same, in time of Diuine Seruice in your Church or Chappell?

Articles concerning the Church.

WHether haue you in your seuerall Churches or Chappels, the Booke of Constitutions or Canons Ecclesiasticall ready to be read by the Minister according to his Maiesties pleasure, published by his Highnes authority vnder the great seale of England?

2 Whether is there in your Church or Chappell, one Parchment Register Booke prouided for Christnings, Ma-

riages, and Burials: and whether is the same duly and exactly kept according to the Constitutions in that behalfe prouided: and haue the Church wardens exhibited a transcript thereof vnto the Lord Bishops Registrie euery yeere, since the last Trienniall Visitation, as by the 70. canon is required:

3 Whether haue you prouided the Booke of Common Prayer lately set forth by his Maiesties authority, and the Booke of Homilies, and a large Bible of the last Edition: And whether haue you in your Church or Chappell a Font of stone, set vp in the ancient vsuall place, a conuenient and decent Communion Table, with a carpet of Silke or some other decent Stuffe, and a faire Linnen cloth to lay thereon at the Communion time: And whether is the same Table placed in such conuenient sort within the said Chancell or Church, as that the Minister may be best heard in his prayer and administration, and that the greater number may communicate: And whether are the ten Commandements set vpon the East end of your Church or chappell, where the people may see, and reade them, and other sentences of holy Scriptures written on the walls likewise for the same purpose:

4 Whether haue you a conuenient seat for your Minister to reade Seruice in, together with a comely Pulpet set vp in a conuenient place, where a decent cloth or cushion for the same, a comely large Surplice, a faire Communion Cup of siluer, and a couer agreeable for the same, with all other things and ornaments necessary for the celebration of diuine Seruice, and administration of the Sacraments, & a strong chest for the Almes of the poore, with three locks, and keyes, whereof the Minister is to keepe one key: and another chest for the keeping of the Ornaments of the Church and Register Booke:

5 Haue you a faire Paper Booke, wherein euery Preacher, which is a Stranger, shall write his name, the day hee preacheth, and by whose authority he is licensed:

6 Whether are your Church or chappels with the Chancels thereof, and your Parsonage or Vicarage house, and al other building thereto belonging, in good Reparations, and decently and comely kept, as wel within as without, and are

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the seats of your Church well maintained? If not, then through whose default, and what the defects are?

7 Whether is your Church-yard well and sufficiently repaired, fenced and maintained with wals, railes, or pales, according to the 85. canon; if not, then through whose default any part is left unrepaired, and at whose charge the same is to be repaired?

8 Whether hath any person encroched on the ground of the Church-yard, and if any hath, what quantity of ground hath he encroched? and whether is any part of your Church-yard encroched on, or encombred by Tombes, or Monuments erected without the allowance of the Lord Bishop of this Diocesse, or his Chancellor, or other lawfull authority; when and for whom, and by whom such Tombes and Monuments haue beene so erected?

9 Whether haue you in your Church any ancient or true Note, or Terrier of all the Glebes, Lands, Medowes, Gardens, Orchards, Houses, Stocks, Implements, Tenements and portions of Tithes, lying within or without the Parish, which belongs to your Parsonage or Vicarage; if there bee any, whether is it well kept & preserued for the good of the succeeding Incumbents, & in what particular place is it kept?

Articles concerning Ecclesiasticall Officers.

WHether do you know or haue heard of any paiment, composition or agreement, to or with the chancellour, Register, or other inferiour Officers Ecclesiastical for suppressing or concealing of any Presentment, Excommunication, or other Ecclesiasticall censure of or against Recusants, or any other Offenders, or for not certifying of Recusants to the Ordinary, or for not serving of Processe without a summe of money, or other consideration, received or promised to any of them in that respect, and by whom?

2 Whether the Chancellor, Officiall or any other, vsing Ecclesiasticall Iurisdiction within this Diocesse, their Registers, or Apparitors, haue at any time winked at and suffered any Adulteries, Fornications, Incests, or any other faults or offences presented vnto them, to passe, and remaine vnpunished and vncorrected, for money, Rewards,

Bribes, Pleasure, Friendship, or any other partiall respect?

3 Whether the Chancellour, or Officiall have called for, or caused the Churchwardens to make, bring, or to pay for any more Bils of presentment, than is to the 116. Canon appointed?

4 Whether hath any Chancellor, or Officiall, or any other, exercising Ecclesiasticall Jurisdiction, within this Diocesse, or any Register, Apparitor, or Minister belonging to the same Ecclesiasticall Courts, exacted extraordinary or greater Fees than heretofore of late have been accustomed: and whether is there a Table of the rates of all Fees set up in their severall Courts and Offices: and whether do they or any of them exact or receive greater or more Fees than are therein expressed: or whether they or any of them have taken upon them the Office of Informers or Promoters to the Court, or any other way abused themselues in their Offices, contrary to the Law and Canon in that case prouided?

5 Whether hath the Chancellor or Officiall increased the number of his Apparitors, or appointed any Apparitor aboue the vsuall number, and wherein and in what manner is the Country ouer-burdened and grieued by the said Apparitors? And whether doth any of the said Apparitors cause any parties to appeare in the said Courts, without first a presentment or citation obtained from the Iudge of the Court?

Articles concerning Schoole-masters.

WHat Recusants Papists are there in your Parish, and whether doe any of them or any other, keepe any Schoolemaster in their house, who commeth not to Church to heare Diuine Seruice, and receiue the Communion? what is his Name, and how long hath he taught?

2 Whether the Schoolemaster or Schoolmasters within your parish openly, or priuately in any house, or in any other place, be of good and sincere Religion (that is, of the Religion established in this Realme) life and conuersation, and be diligent in teaching and bringing vp of Youth, and whether they haue beene examined, allowed and licensed for Schoolemasters by the Lord Bishop of this Diocesse, or his Chancellor?

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3 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters doe themselues receiue the Holy Communion as often as they ought to doe? And whether doe all their Schollers which be of age sufficient, and of capacity by instruction to receiue the Lords Supper, come to the Communion either in your Church or where their Parents dwell, once euery yeere, and be diligent to heare Common Prayer?

4 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolmasters either priuate or publike, do teach their Schollers their Catechisme authorized by publike authority, at least once euery weeke, and doe instruct and examine them in the same? And whether doe they reade vnto their Schollers priuately any vnlawfull bookes, or priuately instruct them in their young yeeres in Popery, Superstition, Schisme or disobedience, or contempt of his Maiesty, and his Lawes Ecclesiasticall, by publike authority allowed?

5 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolmasters within your Parish doe teach his or their Schollers any other Grammer than that which is commonly called the Kings Grammer, set forth by the authority of King Henry the eight: and whether they be negligent in instructing their Schollers in the Catechisme & grounds of Religion, and in bringing them to Church to heare diuine Seruice, and Sermons? whether doe they instruct their Schollers in any other Catechisme than is allowed by publike authority? and whether are they common Officers, Farmers, Artificers; or otherwise entangled in other affaires, that they cannot benefit their Schollers in learning?

Articles concerning Parishioners, and others of the Laity.

VVHether any in your Parish, or elsewhere here neere about the same, to your knowledge, or as you haue heard, hath affirmed that the King hath not the same power in all causes Ecclesiasticall, which the Kings of Israel had, and which the Christian Kings and Emperours had in the Primitiue Church? or that hath impeached or gainesaid his Royall Supremacy?

2 Whether do you know, or haue credibly heard of any within your Parish, that depraue the Christian Religion, and namely as it is established by publike authority, and

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professed within the Church of England? And whether hath any person (as you have heard) affirmed, that the Church of England is not a true Catholike and Apostolike Church and doth not teach and maintaine the Catholike faith and doctrine of the Apostles?

3 Whether hath any said and affirmed, that any thing in the booke of common Prayer, or in the Booke of Articles of Religion, set forth by the Conuocation, Anno 1562. or any of the Rites and Ceremonies established in the Church of England, are corrupt, wicked, Antichristian, superstitious, vnlawfull, or repugnant to the Scriptures?

4 Whether hath any affirmed, preached, or taught the forme of making and consecrating Bishops, Priests and Deacons or any thing therein contained, is not agreeable to the Word of God? or that the gouernment of the Church vnder the Kings most excellent Maiesty by Archbishops, Bishops or others that beare any office therein, is Antichristian, or not agreeable to the Word of God, or that hath spoken any reproachfull or disgracefull speeches of the Kings Maiesties Courts Ecclesiasticall, or the proceedings therof?

5 Whether any in your Parish hath or doth prophane the Lords day called Sunday, or other Holiday, contrary to the Orders of the Church of England prescribed in that behalfe? Or whether any persons haue lurked or tipled in Tauernes or Ale houses on Sundayes or other Holidayes, or vsed his or their manuall craft or trade, or any bodily labour, or kept their shops open vpon the same dayes, or any of them, especially in the time of Diuine Seruice?

6 Whether hath any in your Parish brawled, quarrelled or stricken, or vsed any violence vnto or with your Minister, or any other person in the Church or Church-yard, or vsed himselfe disorderly in the Church or church yard by filthy & prophane talke, or any other rude and immodest behauiour?

7 Whether is that due reuerence and humble submission vsed within your Church or chappell in the time of Diuine Seruice, as by the 18. canon is prescribed, and whether each one in the Church or chappell doe apply and order himselfe there in time of Diuine Seruice, as by the latter part of the same canon is most commendably enioyned?

8 Whether do the Churchwardens and Questmen euery

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Sunday and Holiday diligently search who absenteth himselfe or her selfe from the Church? or whether doe they suffer any to abide in the Church-porch or Church-yard in the time of common Prayer or Sermon?

9 Whether the Church-wardens and Quest-men, or any of them, haue forborne (for money, reward, fauour, or affection) to present any that were or be negligent in comming to Church, or whom they haue found as idle persons abroad, either in the Church-yard or Streets in the time of common Prayer, or Sermons on the Sunday or Holydayes? or any that haue not receiued the Communion yeerely at the Feast of Easter, or within a month after, according to the Canons?

10 Whether the Church-wardens do prouide against euery Communion, with the aduice of the Minister, a sufficient quantity of fine white Bread, and of good and wholsome Wine, for the number of communicants that shall receiue, and that to be brought in a cleane and sweete standing Pot of Peuter, or of other pure Metall?

11 Whether haue any in your Parish beene Godfathers or Godmothers to their owne children? or whether your Minister or any Godfathers or Godmothers haue vsed or doe vse any other for me, answer, or speech in Baptisme, than is by the Booke of Common prayer appointed? or doe giue the children baptized any name absurd or inconuenient for so holy an Action? or whether any which haue not communicated, haue bin admitted to be Godfathers or Godmothers, contrary to the 29. Canon?

12 Whether doe all Fathers, Mothers, Masters, and Mistresses cause their Children, Seruants and Apprentices, to come to the Catechisme on the Sundayes and Holidaies before Euening Prayer, to heare, and to be instructed and taught therein? and those that doe not their duties herein, you shal present their names.

13 Whether haue you or your Predecessors Church wardens there, suffered any Plays, Feasts, Banquets, Church-Ales, Drinkings, or any other prophane Playes, to be kept in your Church, Chappell, or Church-yard, or Bels to bee rung superstitiously on Holidayes or Eues, abrogated by the Booke of common Prayer?

14 How many Inhabitants within your parish, men or

women, aboue the age of sixteene yeeres, doe refuse to frequent Diuine Seruice established by the publike authority of this Realme, or to receiue the holy Communion, or are negligent therein: or comming to Church doe depart before the end of Diuine Seruice or Sermon? what be their names, and of what degree, state, or trade of life are they? you are to present them all of each sort.

15 Whether doe any of the said Inhabitants within the said parish, entertaine within their houses, any soiorners, Lodgers, or any common resorters and guests, who refuse to frequent Diuine Seruice, or receiue the holy Communion, as aforesaid? what be their names, and of what quality or condition are they?

16 Whether any popish Recusants be of insolent behauiour, not without publike offence, or doe boldly busie themselues in seducing or withdrawing others, either abroad or in their own Families by instructing their Children in popish Religion, or by refusing to entertaine any especially in place of greatest seruice or trust, but such as concurre with them in opinion of Religion? and what be their names that so do?

17 How long the said Popish Recusants haue obstinately abstained either from Diuine Seruice, or from the Communion as is aforesaid, whether of any long time, or only since his Maiesties Reigne, and how many moneths?

18 Whether there be any Popish Recusants married, or the Child of any Recusant christened, or any Recusant buried within your Parish, by any other than the Minister of the Parish, or whether the Child of any Recusant remaine vnbaptized aboue one moneth, or be not baptized in the Parish Church?

19 You shall present how the Children of such as refuse to come to Church, are brought vp, vnder what Schoolmaster or Tutor, when and in what Schoole or place?

20 What persons aforesaid within your Parish, either for the offence aforesaid, or for any other contumacy or crime, doe remaine Excommunicated? what be their names? and for what cause, and how long haue they so stood Excommunicated? and whether doe any familiarly vse the company of such as doe obstinately stand excommunicate knowing the same, and what be their names?

21 Whether were you the Churchwardens and Queſt-men choſen by the conſent of the Miniſter and Pariſhioners: and whether haue the Churchwardens beſore you giuen vp a iuſt account for their time, of their receipts & diſburſments, & deliuered you whatſoeuer money or other things, or goods, or ſtocks of the Church, which was in their hands: and whether doe you diligently ſee that all the Pariſhioners do duely reſort to their Church euery Sunday and Holiday, and there continue the whole time of diuine Seruice, and ſuffer none to ſtand idle, or walke, or talke in the Church, Churchporch, or Churchyard, during that time?

22 Whether doe all perſons aboue the age of ſixteen yeers, vſually reſort to heare Diuine Seruice, vpon Sundayes and Holidayes approued: and whether hath each one of your Pariſhioners (being aboue the age of ſixteen yeeres, as aforeſaid) receiued the Holy Communion thrice this laſt yeere, and chiefly once at Eaſter laſt in your Pariſh Church kneeling? If no, then you ſhall preſent their names which haue not ſo done.

23 Whether haue you a fit Pariſh Clerke aged twenty yeeres at leaſt, of honeſt conuerſation, and ſufficient for reading and writing, and whether he be paid his wages without fraud according to the ancient cuſtome of your Pariſh: if not, then by whom is he ſo defrauded and denied: and whether is he choſen by the Parſon or Vicar, or by whom? And whether is your ſaid Clerke approued and admitted by the Lord Biſhop of this Dioceſſe or his Chancellor?

24 Whether haue any in your Pariſh been married within the prohibited degrees forbidden by the Law, & expreſſed in a certaine Table publiſhed by authority in Anno 1562. if yea, then you ſhall preſent their names; and whether is the ſaid Table publikely ſet vp in your Church, and faſtned to ſome conuenient place there?

25. Whether doe any heretofore diuorced, or married and not diuorced, keepe company at bed and boord as man and wife with any other man or woman, than with the perſon that he or ſhe was married vnto: what be their names? when and where they were married? and how long haue they ſo continued together? and whether any Husband and Wife in your Pariſh are apart each from other?

26 Whether haue you in your Parish to your knowledge, or you haue heard by common fame and report, any which haue committed Adultery, Fornication or Incest, which haue not beene publikely punished to your knowledge? if yea, then with whom? Or any man that hath attempted the chastity of any woman, or any who haue committed Incontinency together before they were married? Or any in your Parish suspected to be Bawds, harbourers or receiuers of such persons, or suspected of any of the crims aforesaid? if yea, then with whom?

27 Whether haue you any in your parish, which are by common fame and report, or vehement suspition reputed and taken to be common Drunkards, Blasphemers of Gods holy Name, common and vsuall swearers, filthy speakers, railers, sowers of discord amongst their Neighbours, or speakers against Ministers Mariages, Vsurers contrary to the Statute made in the 37 of King Henry the eight, Simoniacal persons, Fighters, Brawlers or Quarrellers in Church or Churchyard? you shall not faile to present their names.

28 Whether haue any in your Parish receiued or harboured any woman with child, that was not before a houlholder in your Parish, or gotten with childe out of Wedlocke, and suffered her to depart againe without punishment first inflicted by the Ordinary? You shall present as well the partie harbouring, as harboured; and who is suspected to bee the Father of the child? and who hath helped to conuey her away?

29 Whether any person or persons suspected or detected heretofore of Incontinency, and therefore departing out of your Parish for a season, is now returned againe, or in what place else is he or shee now abiding to your knowledge, or as you haue heard? And whether he or shee hath done any Penance, or else escaped without Penance, and by what, and whose names? You shall not faile to present the whole truth in that behalfe.

30 Whether haue you any in your Parish which liue together as Man and Wife, and yet are not knowne by whom, where, or when they were married? and wherein you are especially to enquire of those who are Recusants, or whereof the one of them is a Recusant or Sectary; present your knowledge

knowledge herein, and what the common fame or report is among your Neighbours?

31 Whether any within your Parish, or elsewhere within this Diocesse, haue retained or kept in their custody, or reade, sell, vtter, disperse, or to deliuer to any others any English or Latine Bookes or Libels, set forth or printed either on this side or beyond the Seas, by Papists or Sectaries against the Kings Supremacy in causes Ecclesiasticall, or tending to Popery, Puritanisme, or any other Sect, error or heresie, against the true and Catholike Religion and Doctrine now publikely professed in this Church, or the Government or Discipline of the Church of England, established by authority, that you know or haue heard of, what their names and sirnames are?

32 Whether haue you in your Parish any, which heretofore being Popish Recusants or Sectaries, haue since conformed themselues and come to Church to heare Diuine Seruice, and receiue the Sacrament? if yea, then who they are? and how long since haue they so conformed themselues? and whether doe they still abide in that conformity?

33 Whether are there in your Parish any Wills not yet proued, or goods of the dead dying Intestate, left vnadministred by authority of the Ordinary in that behalfe? And whether any possesse the goods of any person deceased without Authority from the Ordinary? you shall not faile to present the Executors and all other culpable therein, and how many persons possessed of any Goods or Chattells haue dyed within your Parish, since the second of Aprill now last past: And present their names.

34 Is there any Legacy giuen to the Church or to other good and godly vses, as releefe of the poore Orphans, poore Schollers, poore Maidens mariages, Schooles, High-waies, and such like, which is not yet performed? if there be any such, you shall present what you know or can learne thereof, and by whose default the same is not performed?

35 Whether any of your Parishioners, hauing a Preacher to their Parson, Vicar or Curate, do absent themselues from his Sermons, and resort to any other place to heare other Preachers, or refuse to receiue the Holy Communion at their Ministers hands? and whether any other Minister hath

receiued to the Communion any of your Parish? and specifie the names both of the Minister, and of the Parishioner.

36 Whether there be in your Parish, any Inholders, Alehouse-keepers, Victuallers or Tiplers, that suffer or doe admit any person or persons into their houses to eat, drink, play at Dice, Cards, Tables, Bowles, or such like games, in the time of common Prayer or Sermon on Sundayes or Holidayes? or any Butchers, Victuallers, Mercers, or any of any other Trade or occupation, vse to keep their Shop-windowes open, or sell their meats, victuals, ware or merchandizes, or otherwise vse their trade or occupation on Sundayes, or Holidayes, especially in the time of common Prayer or Sermon? and whether any Markets, or selling of wares be vsed or suffered in any Churchyard on the Sunday, by common Packmen or Pedlers going about, or any Butcher?

37 Whether any married woman within your Parish, after Child-birth, refuse or neglect to come to Church to giue God thankes for their safe deliuery, and to haue the Prayers publikely appointed on that behalfe by the booke of common Prayer?

38 Is there any in your parish who refuse to haue their children baptized, or themselues to receiue the Communion, at the hand of your Minister, because he is no preacher? or whether any keepe their children longer vnbaptized than is conuenient, vnlesse it be for the sickenesse of the child, or other vrgent occasiõ? or whether any do cary their child or children from their own parish to any other parish to be baptized, and to what other parish? Who baptized such a child, and whose child it was? and whether haue you in your parish any child or children which are not yet knowne to you or to your Minister to be baptized? & herein you are especially to enquire of the children, whose parents or one of them are Recusants.

39 Whether do you know or haue heard of any Patron in your parish, that hath made gaine by any colour, deceit, or Simoniacall compact in bestowing his benefice for gaine or receiuing money, or promise of the Lease of the whole or part, or by reseruing his owne Tithes or any pension to himselfe or any other.

40 Whether the Almes-houses or Hospitals in your parish,

rish, are well and godly vsed and ordered according to the foundations and Ordinances of the same, and whether there be any other placed in them, than poore, impotent, and needy persons that haue not wherewith or whereby to liue: and by whose default are they not so ordered and kept?

41 What Midwiues haue you in your parish, of what skil are they accounted of for that Office, and whether are they licensed by their Ordinary to execute the same?

42 Whether haue you any in your parish that practise physick or surgery, of what skill are they accounted for their profession, and whether doe they practise without a particular license from the Lord Bishop of this Diocesse or his Chancellor?

43 Whether haue any of your parish dying Excommunicate, or wilfully destroying himselfe, been buried in the Church or churchyard, by whom and by whose procurement?

44 Whether any in your parish hath or doe refuse to contribute towards the reparation of the Church, and to the prouision of such things as belong thereunto?

45 Whether the fift of Nouember be kept in your parish with prayer and thankesgiuing to Almighty God, in such forme as is by publike Authority appointed for those dayes?

46 Whether is your Parsonage or Vicarage impropriate, and in case it be, who hath the impropriation therof, and whether doth he hold the same in Fee farme, or by Lease, and who is your Curate, and what hath he for seruing of your said Cure, and what other Cures doth your said Curate, serue besides your Cure, and what wages hath hee for seruing each of the said Cures, and from whom?

47 Lastly, if you know any other matter of Ecclesiasticall cognizance, worthy the presentment in your iudgement, heretofore in these Articles not expressed, and which is fit to be reformed by Ecclesiasticall Censure, you shall likewise present the same by vertue of your Oathes.

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